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1.

RFTEL A ASKED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFO TO THAT ALREADY PROVIDED
RE LOCAL OIL SITREP. LAST PREVIOUS SITREP CONTAINED IN REFTEL
B.

2. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY KOC INTERPRETING 10 PERCENT PRODUCTION
CUT AS MEANING COMPANY CANNOT RPT NOT PRODUCE MORE THAN 3 MILLION
BPD AVERAGE LESS 10 PERCENT OR 300,000 BPD WHICH WOULD EQUAL
2.7 MILLION BPD. IN ADDITION PETROLEUM WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN
EXPORTED TO US AND HOLLAND NOT BEING PRODUCED SO THAT UNTIL
THESE MEASURES ARE RESCINDED OR OTHERWISE CHANGED BASIC PRO-
DUCTION WILL BE ABOUT 2.4-2.5 MILLION BPD.

3. FOR TIME BEING, HOWEVER, KOC PRODUCING AT 2.6 MILLION BPD
RATE AS IT MAKES UP FOR PRODUCTION LOST DURING RECENT THREE
DAY STRIKE WHICH HAS NOW ENDED.

4. RE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMBARGO SENIOR KOC OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF
SHIPMENTS FROM KOC CONTROLLED BY GULF AND BP IN LONDON AND/OR
PITTSBURGH. COMPANY OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHERE
SHIPMENTS ARE HEADED ONCE THEY LEAVE KUWAIT. KOC OFFICIAL SAID
HE ASSUMED GULF AND BP ADHERING TO EMBARGO PLACED ON SHIPMENTS TO
US AND HOLLAND BUT ONLY HEAD OFFICES COULD MAKE AUTHORITATIVE
STATEMENTS ON THIS POINT.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION ONLY GULF OR BP HEADQUARTERS WOULD KNOW
FOR SURE WHETHER ANY KUWAITI OIL IS OR HAS EVER BEEN PROVIDED
FOR US MILITARY USE (REF C). AS FAR AS SENIOR KOC MANAGEMENT
HERE KNOWS, HOWEVER, KUWAIT APPEARS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH OIL
SUPPLIES TO OUR MILITARY.

6. OFFICIAL SAID GOK HAS NOT RPT NOT YET FORMALLY PROHIBITED
LOADING AMERICAN REGISTERED TANKERS ALTHOUGH IT HAS QUERIED KOC
ABOUT THEM. SO FAR ONLY TWO AMERICAN REGISTERED TANKERS HAVE
CALLED AT KOC IN 1973.

7. APART FROM SPECIFIC ACTION TAKEN AGAINST US AND HOLLAND,
GOK HAS NOT YET MADE AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT REGARDING WHO
IS AND WHO IS NOT PREFERRED COUNTRY OR NON-PREFERRED COUNTRY.

8. PRESS HAS REPORTED WEST GERMAN AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE
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SENT MEMOS TO GOK EXPLAINING THEIR POSITIONS ON MIDDLE EASTERN
QUESTIONS. HIGH LEVEL DUTCH ENVOY EXPECTED HERE SOON TO DISCUSS
EMBARGO AND RELATED QUESTIONS WITH GOK.
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